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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Special Branch - S.1 Station,

Date August 15, 1939.

Subject (in full) Ignaz PIVNIK - German Jewish Refugee - Begging Letter.

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With reference to the contents of the letter signed by one Ignaz PIVNIK received by Mr. H. E. OLSEN, Deputy Commissioner of Customs, I have to report that the writer, a refugee who arrived here from Europe on May 22, 1939, has been warned by the International Relief Fund Committee to refrain from sending any further letters of this nature, otherwise he will find himself in serious trouble. PIVNIK, born in Vienna on November 26, 1915, is registered under No. 5749 with the I. C. Committee.

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D. C. (Special Branch).

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Mr.
Chief Olsen H. E.

Shnaghai, 8. August 1939.

Dear Sir,

I beg to adress these lines to you in the hope that will give them your kind consideration.

I have recently arrived here as an emigrant from Germany trusting to find a position in my own trade or some other work. So far I have not been successful.

Now, my wife, who is still in Germany, has informed me that she too has to leave Germany very shortly. There exists a difficulty however, i. e. that payment for ship's passage has to be effected in foreign currency, because German Shipping Lines who accept German currency (R. M.) have already sold out their space as far ahead as till the beginning of the next year. The point now is to get foreign currency. Since I have no means myself I am being put before the task of raising the necessary amount, which by the way is round Sh. 1200.- = £ [illegible]-/- somehow, and I am thinking, that by soliciting contributions from some of my more fortunate fellow-beings in Shanghai I might be able to succeed in the solving of my task.

The purpose of these lines is to appeal to you for a contributio I shall be ever grateful to you for even the smallest amount you may see fit to contrbute. I intend keeping a record of all the kind people who, by their generosity are lending their help to a good cause, and I shall deem it my first duty to successfully refund the contributions to the kind donors as soon as I have been able to find work again.

I beg to enclose an envelope herein bearing the adress under which your ~~consideration~~ contribution will rea h me, viz.:

Mr. Ignaz Sivnik c/o P. O. Box 1131, Shanghai.

Before closing my letter I would like to inform you that I am a practical expert on all machine-tools, with several years of workshop-praxis, 24 years of age, and willing to work in any capacity. If you, Sir, perchance should know or hear of any possible vacancy, I should feel immensely obliged to you if you would kindly inform me about it, whithout any obligation to yourself of course.

Apologizing for having taken your time and expressing in advance my heartfelt thanks for kind assistance

I am, Dear Sir,
most respectfully yours

(I. Sivnik.)
Ignaz Sivnik

DC. (S.B.)
Send to Mr Olsen Deputy Comm. Customs, looks like a racket as he [illegible] his chit. Any record please?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
11 AUG 1939
CUSTOMS SHANGHAI

CUSTOM HOUSE.

Shanghai, 11th August, 1939.

G. W. Gilbert, Esquire,
Police Head Quarter,
Foochow Road,
S H A N G H A I.

My Dear Gilbert,

I received the unclosed in this morning mail looks like it may be a "racket", will you please pass it on to the Department concerned.

I am confined to bed otherwise I would have brought it over personally.

Yours,